

Summary Report
City of Raleigh Historic Cemeteries Advisory Board

**Borden Building * 820 Clay Street
Monday, May 9, 2011**

Members Present:

Jane Thurman- Raleigh City Cemeteries Preservation, Inc.
David Brown- Raleigh City Cemeteries Preservation, Inc.
Wayne Schindler- City of Raleigh Parks and Recreation Department
Jimmy Thiem- Parks, Recreation and Greenway Advisory Board
Terry Harper- Raleigh City Cemeteries Preservation, Inc.
Doris Burke- Parks, Recreation and Greenways Advisory Board
Orrin Haywood- Raleigh City Cemeteries Preservation, Inc.
Jason Queen- Preservation North Carolina

Members Absent:

Danny Morgan- City of Raleigh Parks and Recreation Department

City of Raleigh Staff Present:

Christy Cornell

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. David Brown called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.

The Board reviewed the minutes from the 004/11/2011 meeting. The minutes were approved unanimously.

DISCUSSION

OLD BUSINESS

The Board welcomed Jason Queen to the Board. His appointment was approved by Council at the 5-3-10 Council meeting.

The Chair reported that City Council approved the Annual Report and Workplan at the April 19, 2011 meeting.

Wayne Schindler provided a status of the documentation process with FEMA. FEMA staff completed an initial site review of Mt. Hope Cemetery on 5/9. They will be moving into City Cemetery on 5/11 and O'Rourke-Catholic Cemetery after that. FEMA staff is including all types of damage in their review, including roof, stone, and tree damage.

Wayne mentioned that Dan Becker completed a grant application for a Local Certified Government Historic Preservation Grant for consulting services which is needed for the proper clean-up and restoration of the City's cemeteries. It is anticipated that a consultant may be in-place by 7/1/11.

Wayne noted that staff has prepared a detailed inventory of pending tree work in city cemeteries (standing trees only, not felled). FEMA staff is interested in a count of felled trees whose root balls are exposed for the examination of any unearthed human remains.

Wayne mentioned that the Cemetery Watch meeting was held on 4/26 with a small handful of attendees. He will meet with Cindy on next steps, including attending the next scheduled HOA meeting.

Christy Cornell discussed an offer from MobileMini to reduce the monthly rental price of the storage unit at Mt. Hope Cemetery to \$65.00/mo or alternatively, purchase a smaller unit. The Board agreed to accept the lower monthly rental rate and review funding availability for a future purchase. The Board agreed that a second storage unit may be necessary at Mt. Hope Cemetery for storm clean-up. Wayne will ask his FEMA contact if this cost would be reimbursable.

The Board agreed that the fencing issue at O'Rourke should be tabled until the cemetery repair work is further along, but work on the Maintenance Manual should proceed in the interim.

Terry Harper mentioned she attended a Raleigh Historic Districts Guidelines meeting on 4/26. A date for the approval or adoption of the Guidelines is unknown at this time.

The Board agreed that regular monthly meetings will be suspended until more information is known about the status of clean-up and repair work within the cemeteries.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.